

Finance Committee
2/17/16 – 7pm
Rockport Police Station

Present: (Chairperson) Laurene Wessel, (Vice-Chairperson) Bill Wagner, Ian Crown, Wally Hess, June Michaels, Mike Hughes

Not present: Melissa Tingley, Beth Dailey, Roger Levine

Also present: Linda Sanders, Mitch Vieira

Laurene reminded members about Saturday's meeting at noon on 2/20/16 at the police station.

The agenda will be as follows:

12:00 pm: Approval of the minutes

12:15 pm Library

12:45 pm Walter Hess will report on health insurance

1:30 pm Discussion of the budget to include revenues

Bill said the most recent deficit is \$305,000, and reported that the revenue subcommittee will meet on Thursday of this week. Laurene, Wally, and Bill will meet with Linda, and other town finance officials.

Rockport Police Chief Horvath attended the meeting to explain the police department's budget, 88% of which is contractual. He reviewed many aspects of the police department, and explained why he feels they are understaffed. He is requesting funds to hire another full-time officer to replace a dispatcher.

The Chief also offered the opportunity to anyone interested to do a “ride-along” to get a better sense of what the police do.

Laurene made a motion to adjourn, Bill seconded, vote was a unanimous yes.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm.